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READERS RAP

EBONY Music Awards

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading the article on the EBONY Music Awards (August 14) and later seeing it on TV. I've always wanted to thank John H. Johnson and his staff for the wonderful job they do at Johnson Publications. Thank you EBONY, BLACK STARS and JET for letting us know all about our talented brothers and sisters around the world. Right On!

Derek Overton
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ashe And GIs' Morale

Dear Editor:

Thank you for such an excellent account of Arthur Ashe's victory at Wimbledon. Ashe's keeping Connors in a garboiled state was exquisitely tasteful, not only for me but for the rest of the Black tennis players stationed in Germany.

Reginald Black
Kaiserslautern, Germany

Joe Simon Makes It

Dear Editor:

It is encouraging to see Joe Simon (August 7) on your cover and featured in your pages. There are some of us who appreciate a multitalented and dedicated performer who apparently hasn't been designated a 'superstar.'

Camille A. Clarke
Washington, D. C.

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Stevie Wonder Praised

Dear Editor:

I'm proud, really proud, of this man named Stevie Wonder. He is an inspiration in my life because he proves to me that being blind or having any other handicap can't stop you and your talent if you don't let it.

Bonnie Short
Chicago, Ill.

Black Muslims And Women

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter in Readers Rap (August 7) by the young sister, Beverly Jordan. What she said about white women taking over the Muslims was right.

The whites have the White House and won't let a Black become President. So why should Muslims let whites in? I think the name of the white man's game is prejudice.

P. Malloy Jr.
Manhattan, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

The sister who wrote you lamenting the Muslim takeover by whites due to W. D. Muhammad's recent announcement of new membership policies does, along with others like her, a disservice. There has been nothing in recent articles, interviews, etc., to suggest that the Muslims will abandon their emphasis and programs which have been the only salvation for many Black people. Also, the Muslims' consistent growth and accomplishment, clearly indicates its caliber of leadership.

Vernon A. Battle
Washington, D. C.

A Black Officer Sues Navy For \$1.5 Million

A Black naval officer who took his job seriously and was imprisoned for five days in the psychiatric ward, has filed a \$1.5-million bias suit against the Navy.

Lt. Frank Alvarez Jr., 34, says in his suit that his career as a race relations officer was destroyed by five white officers at the Great Lakes (Ill.) Naval Hospital.

The suit, filed in U. S. District Court, charges that Rear Adm. Warren H. O'Neil and four other white officers conspired against Alvarez to keep him from doing an adequate job in promoting race awareness at the Naval base.

Alvarez said the white officers were active in their efforts to oppose him.

The Black lieutenant has completed 16 years of service toward his 20-year retirement requirement. As a result of the incident and his devotion to the race relations program he may not be able to get credit for the remaining four years.

Alvarez was released from active duty last June and placed in a reserve category despite his application for extended active duty.

Alvarez said he was told by O'Neil, "not to take the issue of race relations too seriously and to de-emphasize the issue . . ."

Ronald J. Clark, an attorney for Alvarez, said Navy doctors at no time gave his client any diagnosis during his five-day stay in the psychiatric ward.

A Navy spokesman at the base declined comment on the suit.

NATIONAL REPORT

Kenya Purchases Warplanes From U. S. For \$5 Million

The government of Kenya has agreed to purchase \$5 million in warplanes and other war materials from the U. S., according to the U. S. Embassy in Nairobi.

U. S. officials said Kenya was given a one-year low-interest credit for the purchase of the weapons, last June.

Civil Rights Commission Rebukes Ford On Busing

The U. S. Civil Rights Commission sharply rebuked President Ford's opposition to a federal district court's forced busing plan for the Boston public school system, charging that he and the local school committee were responsible for the vocal and sometimes violent resistance of the first year of school integration.

In its rebuke of the President's stand, the commission said, ". . . the absence of a coordinated federal strategy . . . served to bolster the opponents of school desegregation."

Ford, on many occasions, has voiced his opposition to forced busing to achieve quality education. In a recent Peoria, Ill., statement, the President reiterated his stand by saying, "I don't think that forced busing to achieve racial balance is the proper way to get quality education."

According to Commission Chairman Arthur S. Fleming, the Boston School Committee is pursuing a deliberate policy of minimal compliance.

Joan Little To Speak And Write In Future

When the Raleigh, N. C., Superior Court jury of six Blacks and six whites announced their decision that Joan Little was not guilty of murder, a celebrity was born—at least to some extent.

The 21-year-old Black woman was charged with murdering 62-year-old Clarence Alligood, a white jailer, who on August 27, 1974 was found dead in her cell with 11 ice-pick stab wounds over his body.

The defense said Miss Little was fending off a rape attempt by a threatening Alligood, and the jury went for it, thus changing Joan Little from a cause to a celebrity.

People want to see and hear her, and she will be accommodating.

Immediately after her acquittal, her battery of advisors booked her on the lecture circuit.

First, there were several days of speaking and teaching at the Black Panther headquarters in

Following celebrated trial that ended with not guilty verdict, Miss Little is shielded by bodyguard Russell McDonald (l) as jurors leave.

Oakland, Calif. Then she had engagements in Detroit and New York City. More are sure to follow.

Along with that, she plans to become a writer and author.

"What I'd really like to do now is be a writer," she said after the trial. She told JET before the trial that she would like to become a journalist, and at that time, she was actually taking journalism courses at Howard University in Washington, D. C.

Furthermore, she has been offered scholarships by several colleges and universities to achieve her career goals, according to one of her lawyers.

Miss Little also would like to write a book about her trial "like the one Angela Davis did."

Writing may provide a good career for Miss Little, who has a natural eloquence in expressing herself. In an interview with JET before her trial, she was asked whether she could have confidence in an all-white jury in Washington, N. C., in urban Durham or



Raleigh. She answered: "You have no confidence in any jury. You have hope that they will bring in a fair verdict."

Miss Little has another hope, a very fond one—becoming Mrs. Little. She is engaged to Paul Little, a young U. S. Marine she met after being charged with Alligood's death.

But all these plans could be soured by the breaking and entering charge conviction she was convicted of last year which put her in that Washington jail in the first place.

She was sentenced to seven to 15 years in prison and the case is being appealed. She is free on \$15,000 bond. The appeal is for a new trial. But one large problem is that Miss Little confessed to the theft of several hundred dollars from a Washington trailer home with her brother in the first trial. He testified against her in that trial.

HUD Official Transferred Then Evicted From Office

In another move to show its insensitivity to minorities, HUD transferred, then evicted the Black director of equal opportunity for Chicago housing and urban development.

Craig Ford barricaded his office when he learned that he had been assigned as a special assistant to HUD regional director John Waner. After refusing an ultimatum to leave his office Ford was bodily removed by guards.

Ford complained that his transfer would end his enforcement of HUD guidelines aiding minority contractors and homeowners.



99-Year Gap: Bridging the generation gap between themselves are Mayra Tonaza Perez, 16, and Ramon Garcia Diaz, 115. How'd they do it? They got married in her homeland, Dominican Republic (he's Puerto Rican). It was the first marriage for both.

Waner told newsmen later that Ford had been placed on administrative leave with pay and was to remain "out of the Chicago area office." Though on leave Ford was required to call in daily for "official instructions."

Ford's replacement was Charles Mabius, who is white.

Long a vocal critic of HUD's affirmative action program, Ford said he was not able to fully carry out his job because he had only three aids to cover the entire state of Illinois.

Ford had held his position with HUD since November, 1973.

Black Natural Food Expert In China For Food Research

Dr. Alvenia M. Fulton, the "dietician to the stars," left recently for a four-week visit to China to learn about the populous country's health program.

The well-known Black natural foods dietician who has tutored Dick Gregory through his many fasts, and devised diets for such entertainers as George Kirby, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, planned to "do research on pre-

Kissinger Assures Black Caucus

Six members of the Congressional Black Caucus met with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last week in an extraordinary two-hour session concerning U. S. foreign policy towards Africa.

At the close of the meeting, Caucus Chairman Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D., N.Y.) described the session as "productive," sounding encouraged and optimistic.

Kissinger told the congressmen, according to Rangel, that presently no coherent policy guidelines for American diplomacy on the African continent exist, and that's due largely to the secretary's neglect of Africa for other regions of the globe.

Having made such admissions, Kissinger then reportedly assured the congressmen he would debut a newly constructed African policy in a major speech he will deliver within the next three months. The secretary, according to Rangel, also invited members of the Congressional Black Caucus to contribute proposals toward shaping a new U. S.-African relationship.

Much of what caucus members will likely propose to the secretary was contained in a 16-page position paper on the subject Africa

left for Kissinger to study.

In preface remarks, the caucus listed three specific policy areas that allegedly do harm to the American posture in Africa:

- The lack of U. S. responsiveness to economic development concerns of Africa.
- U. S. support of white mi-



Charles Rangel



Henry Kissinger

nority rule in South Africa.

- A tendency of the U. S. government to exhibit a "cavalier" attitude toward African leaders and nations.

The proposals included in the position paper ranged from increased U. S. food aid to Africa to banning American business investments in South Africa to increasing the number of high-level Black State Dept. personnel.

As expected, the discussion with Kissinger touched upon W. Beverly Carter, the American am-

ventive medicine, nutrition and natural healing practices" on her visit.

"I am going because the United States ranks 50th in health," Dr. Fulton explained. "Our country is the lowest in health and the rich-

est nation in the world. But China has had a nutrition and health program for 9,000 years.

"The Chinese don't get as fat as Americans," she continued. "I want to know about that. I want to know why."

Of Better African Relations

bassador to Tanzania. The Black diplomat has reportedly been censured from his role in the recent release of American hostages held for ransom by a group of African revolutionaries.

Rangel said Kissinger gave assurances that Carter would not be fired from the State Dept. nor

concerned about his welfare.

A second meeting between Kissinger and the caucus is slated for October, at which time more detailed proposals will be reviewed and discussed.

Rep. Charles Diggs, a veteran outspoken critic of American foreign policy toward Africa, said he left the meeting with Kissinger feeling somewhat optimistic about future developments. He said the meeting served to raise Africa to a new level of consciousness in the U. S. and to enhance the public image of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Not so impressed was Rep. Parren Mitchell (D., Md.), who said he saw little reason for such optimism. At one point, he and Kissinger engaged in a rather salty exchange when Mitchell charged that racism permeated the ranks of Kissinger's department. Kissinger disagreed, saying racism does not exist within the State Dept. "I respectfully disagree Mr. Secretary," said Mitchell, "but I feel strongly that it does."

Other congressmen present were Rep. Ronald Dellums (D., Calif.), Rep. Louis Stokes (D., Ohio) and Del. Walter Fauntroy (D., D. C.).—GRAYSON MITCHELL



W. B. Carter



Charles Diggs

would anything be done to "impede his future." Kissinger said the Carter case is still under review, awaiting final disposition.

Privately, however, Rangel said Kissinger conveyed the impression that Carter would not be nominated for the ambassadorial post in Denmark, a promotion Carter was said to have been in line for prior to the ransom controversy.

Rangel lauded Carter as a "very courageous man" and said he and the other Caucus members were

Survey Shows Rising Contact Between Blacks and Whites

There is change blowing in the wind, the contacts between Blacks and whites is increasing, according to a survey by the Institute of Social Research.

According to the survey, there has been increased mixing of the races and a definitive change in attitudes of whites about Blacks from negative to positive.

The all white environment is becoming a thing of the past, the survey says. More whites come in contact with at least one Black.

The survey conducted in five different years (1964, 1968, 1970, 1972 and 1974) covered the entire nation with a response of up to

10,000 persons, with one tenth of those being Black.

Dr. Angus Campbell, director of the institute, said, "The material pretty clearly tells us that white people have a strong sense of feeling of more change taking place now . . ."

The survey showed that in 1964, 80 percent of all whites said their neighborhoods contained no Blacks; that figure shrank to 53 percent in 1974.

Whites believing in strict segregation declined from 25 percent to 10 percent.

Whites believing that the federal government should protect the rights of Blacks to equal housing rose from 56 percent to 75.

This Week In Black History

September 4, 1848—Inventor Lewis Howard Latimer was born in Chelsea, Mass. Latimer enlisted in the Union Navy at the age of 15, and began the study of drafting upon completion of military service. In 1881, he invented and patented the first incandescent electric light bulb with a carbon filament. Latimer was employed by Alexander Graham Bell to make the patent drawing for the first telephone, and later went on to become chief draftsman for both the General Electric and Westinghouse Cos. Latimer died in 1928.

September 7, 1817—Paul Cuffe, noted Black skipper and one of the first persons in America to advocate the colonization of Blacks in Africa, died at Westport, Mass. A free Black, Cuffe was a ship-builder with an estate worth more than \$20,000. In 1797, he bought a farm for himself and his wife, Alice. On this land he built a school for free Black children. In 1811, he traveled to Sierra Leone, a British colony on the west coast of Africa, where he founded the Friendly Society of Sierra Leone for the Emigration of Free Negroes from the United States. Cuffe and his brother, John, entered a taxpayer's suit against Massachusetts for their right to vote. They lost the case, but several years later, Massachusetts granted them the right to vote. In 1815, he spent \$4,000 to send 38 Blacks to Sierra Leone, but his plan for additional expeditions were cut short by his death in 1817.

Ticker Tape U.S.A.

By Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

Confidential: An "eyes only" confidential letter to President Ford's top White House aide, **Donald Rumsfeld**, may cost Special Presidential Assistant **Stanley Scott Jr.** dearly in his fight for political survival. Scott wrote Rumsfeld the letter blasting Black colleague **John Calhoun** for being inefficient and not capable of handling his minority affairs post at the White House—while only days before, Scott had told a delegation of Black leaders that he was fighting to save the job for Calhoun. . . . Federal Communications Commissioner **Benjamin Hooks** has been selected as the major speaker for the Congressional Black Caucus' fifth annual dinner on Sept. 27. The honorees: Dr. **Kenneth Clark**; Lieutenant Govs. **Mervyn Dymally** (Calif.) and **George Brown** (Colo.), retired actor-singer **Paul Robeson**, ex-boxer **Joe Louis** and Dr. **Mathew Walker**. . . . Don't be surprised if Los Angeles is picked as the site for the 1976 Democratic National Convention, since Mayor **Tom Bradley** has done an excellent sales job. Also, look for California's Black politicians to launch the first statewide voter registration drive. A conference of elected Black officials will be held shortly in Sacramento under the direction of State Rep. **Julian Dixon** to finalize plans to mobilize the Black vote. . . . A few weeks ago, Liberia President **William Tolbert** invited members of the Congressional Black Caucus to visit his country and develop a more meaningful understanding of the problems of African leaders. Rep. **Charles Rangel** (D., N. Y.) joined Rep. **William Clay** (D., Mo.) and Rep. **Ralph Metcalfe** (D., Ill.) for several days in Liberia. Next fall, as a result of the congressmen's effort, President Tolbert will visit the U. S. as the guest of President **Gerald Ford**. Caucus members also held their first meeting with Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger** on African problems.

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National Headliners: The Capitol Architect's Office provides hundreds of millions of dollars in construction contracts but has no affirmative

action requirements for prime contractors. Several minority contractors tried to get work on the construction of the \$100-million James Madison Annex on Capitol Hill, but were turned down. Black Caucus members have been asked to use their influence to help make equal opportunity a reality in that federal office.



Benjamin Hooks



Tom Bradley



Otis Jackson (l) receives plaque on behalf of Andrews Funeral Home from presenters Ethel Dawn Griffin and President Howard B. Brookins at Johnson Publishing Co.

BUSINESS

Holding plaques, members of the Cook County (Ill.) Assn. of Funeral Home Owners, Inc. at the dinner included (standing l-r) Estes Evans, Ms. Don-sanell Nash, Ms. Shirley Latham, Otis Jackson, Ms. Sheryl D. Bell, Ms. Mary Lee Crook, Ms. Barbara Miller Holmes, Bernard Slaughter, Ms. Lostypia Gordon, Ms. Anne Rayner Childs, Ms. Eva Janney, Herbert Barker, Audrey Brookins, Ms. Ethel Dawn Griffin, Howard B. Brookins and Harry Gibson, (seated, l-r) Allen Williams, James Couch, Ernest Griffin, Kennedy Welch, Robert Cole, Charles Collins Jr. and James Stokes.

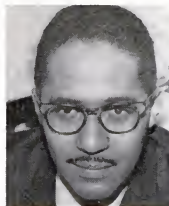
Funeral Home Owners Hold Plaque Presentation Dinner

"(We) pledge and support through ethical practice and professional reputation to uphold the integrity of the funeral service industry," is part of the code of ethics of the Cook County (Ill.) Assn. of Funeral Home Owners, Inc. which was inscribed in total on plaques presented to members of the association at their recent Plaque Presentation Dinner.

Keynote speaker for the event was Rev. J. Haskell Mayo, pastor of Coppin Memorial AME Church in Chicago. Master of ceremonies was Marion E. Officer, president of Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis, Ill. Hosts for the affair were Harry Gibson, president of the Chicago Burr Oak Cemetery Assn. and John H. Johnson, president of the Johnson Publishing Co.



Rites Held For Prominent Businessman Ashby Smith



Ashby Smith
Mourners recently gathered at St. Edmund's Church in Chicago to pay final respects to the superintendent of the Illinois State Employment Service, Ashby G. Smith Jr., 42.

Smith, a prominent figure in the business world and son of the late Ashby Smith Sr., former national president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, died of cardiac arrest at Presbyterian-St. Luke Hospital in Chicago.

As employment superintendent, Smith supervised nearly 1,700 employees in 78 state employment service offices throughout Illinois.

He formerly served as a research analyst in the research and statistics division of the agency from 1960 to 1964. From 1964 to 1970 he was director of employment and minority training program of the Chicago Urban League, and before becoming employment superintendent in 1971, he worked one year as manpower analyst in the Illinois Governor's Office of Manpower.

A native Chicagoan, Smith received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the windy city's Roosevelt University.

He was a member of several business organizations, including the U. S. Small Business Adminis-

tration's Advisory Council, the Governor's Committee on Minority Enterprise and the steering committee of the Chicago Business Opportunity Fair. He was also elected vice president of the Urban League's Manpower Development Council.

Judges Find Race Bias In Alabama Public Aid

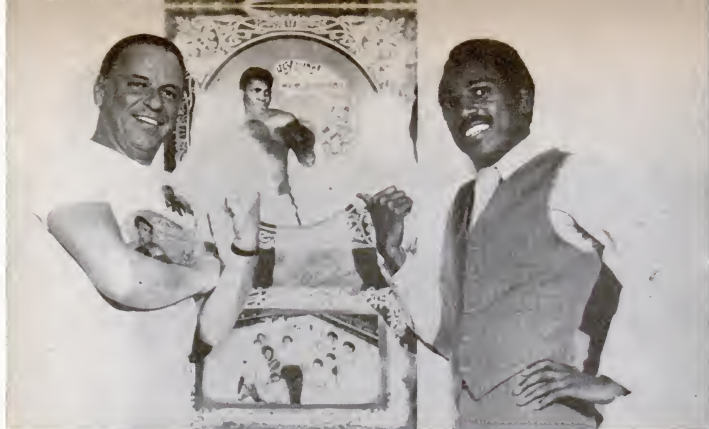
Alabama has discriminated against Blacks in distributing public assistance to dependent children and the elderly, according to a ruling by three U. S. District Court judges.

In an order signed in Montgomery by Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., the three-judge panel said Alabama has provided better benefits to its Old Age Assistance Program recipients, most of whom are white, than to its Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients, most of whom are Black.

The judges said that in 1948, when the percentage of white AFDC program recipients was 63, the average payment was \$32, while the old age program's payments were \$19.

But by 1963, the court said, Blacks outnumbered whites in the dependent children program by more than two to one and the average payment increased by 47 percent, while the predominantly white recipients of the old age plan enjoyed a 285 percent increase over the same period.

The court called the differences between the programs "unconstitutional disparities" and gave the state 60 days to present a proposal to wipe them out.



Morrison shows Ali T-shirts to Frank Sinatra in his campaign to offer the youth-oriented shirts for sale through J. C. Penney stores.

Black Businessman Hits Snag With Ali T-Shirts

Bernard Morrison, 28, knew he had a good idea. He wanted to sell the charismatic magic of Muhammad Ali, heavyweight champion.

President of his own manufacturing firm, St. John's Natural Ice Cream Co., Inc., in Palm Springs, Calif., Morrison produced three lines of T-shirts featuring a color image of Ali.

He took his product to the J. C. Penney Co., where marketing tests proved his idea was sound, he says. But, nevertheless, J. C. Penney stores did not want to carry his merchandise, according to Morrison. He charges personal bias on the part of store managers across the nation.

"We sold 2,000 dozen shirts to J. C. Penney," Morrison said. "They were going to go into stores across the country. But out of 1,700 stores only 43 elected to carry the shirts.

For a week in July he went to

the J. C. Penney headquarters and demanded to see the company's top officers.

When they refused to see him, he refused to leave, and eventually they went to the New York Supreme Court and obtained a restraining order against him.

Finally, the parties reached a compromise. Morrison signed a document stating that he would not try to see the company's top officers. In return, J. C. Penney will buy 1,500 dozen of Morrison's Ali T-shirts.

But later, Morrison decided not to accept the offer by J. C. Penney to buy the 1,500 dozen shirts. He said that amount was "token" and demanded that the company take 15,000 dozen shirts.

"J. C. Penney has made commitments to do a large amount of business with minority enterprises and they have not lived up to it," he said. "I simply want to encourage young people to stand up to big businesses and make them be true to their commitments.

Dr. King's Name Said To Be Exploited By Promoters

Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. told the national convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference recently that his slain son's name has been exploited by some for millions of dollars.

Rev. King, 75, said, "Millions of dollars are raised in the name of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., saying it would be used to keep alive this organization (SCLC) and to help keep alive the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change" in Atlanta.

Rev. King said if the money raised in his son's name were used for its intended purposes "this organization would be financially sound.

"... A bigger lie has never been told," Rev. King snapped. "We're going to move on this exploitation."

Rev. King promised that his family would seek legal avenues to

end the exploitation of his son's name.

Rev. King, who recently retired as pastor of Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church after 44 years, said, "I'm a one-time pastor of the church. Now I'm pastor of the world."

Although the elderly minister would not elaborate on his statements, SCLC President Ralph D. Abernathy later offered, "Many, many people are out selling medallions, pictures and glasses with King's image on them. They are using the money for themselves rather than for the movement."

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. shied away from promotional contracts because he preferred to raise millions of dollars for the SCLC through speaking and lecturing engagements. Yet unscrupulous companies placed his image on their products despite his wishes.

Rev. M. L. King Sr. (2nd l) receives SCLC's highest award from SCLC President Rev. Ralph Abernathy (l) as (l-r) King's grandson Rev. Derrick King, Abernathy's son Ralph Jr. and board member J. E. Lowery observe.



This One



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SCLC Said To Be Anything But Dead

*Text And Photos By
Harmon Perry*



Rev. Abernathy (r) reads citation to Rep. Rodino before presenting him King Award.

To the skeptics who have written the Southern Christian Leadership Conference off their list of effective civil rights organizations and say it is dead, Rev. J. E. Lowery has a reply.

"It's a lie," the Atlanta minister and SCLC board chairman told a large audience at the organization's recent 18th annual convention in Anniston, Ala.

When a civil rights organization such as SCLC is able to lure luminaries of the political, entertainment and professional ranks

to its convention, including Congressmen Peter Rodino, Andrew Young and Walter Fauntroy, and former Congressman Allard Lowenstein, along with comedian Redd Foxx and social activist Dick Gregory, plus Clark College President Dr. Vivian Henderson and Dr. Samuel Ethridge of the National Education Assn., it is indeed alive, Lowery observed.

There were other prominent personalities joining more than 3,800 registered delegates in the city where the bus carrying the Freedom Riders was burned in 1961. For four days they engaged in deliberations and workshops, and listened to eloquent speeches on the conference theme, "Toward A Nonviolent Economy."

"This is our best conference," asserted SCLC President Rev. Ralph Abernathy during one of several addresses he made before the delegates. He said he was glad the organization started by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957 had come to Anniston, where the mayor had issued a welcome and given him the "key to the city."

And by the time Abernathy officially adjourned the convention, not only had SCLC mapped out its future strategy and issued a firm nine-point slate of resolutions, but it also had made the surprise announcement that it will reorganize its administrative structure to meet, what Lowery called, the "various kinds of crises SCLC faces."

The proposed revamp of the national staff and administrative procedure, the top most item to



Social Satirist Gregory shows photo and document collection of the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President John F. Kennedy, and Kennedy's brother, Robert (at left), while the Nation of Islam's Dr. Na'm Akabar (at right, c.), speaks with SCLC communications director Tyronne Brooks and Rev. Abernathy.

come out of several sessions of the 52-member board of directors, will shift the burden and responsibility of supervising administration, program, finances and watchdogging local chapters and affiliates from Abernathy and the board to a three-member committee.

The committee on administration and personnel structure will be headed by Dr. Claude Young, a Detroit physician, and will have far-reaching powers.

A source close to the new committee, which includes Atlanta insurance executive Jesse Hill and Andrew Brown of Indianapolis (and two women to be named later) told JET the first order of business is to find "an energetic, creative person with strong administrative ability to become executive director and inspire others to maneuver in the civil rights arena."

Rep. Fauntroy, a pioneer member, gives inspirational address.

JET later learned that Rev. John S. Nettles, a young Anniston, Ala., minister who was a co-host for this year's convention, has been selected as SCLC executive director-designate.

The slate of resolutions presented during the closing hour of the convention and passed without a single voice of opposition from the delegates, included:





Rev. Abernathy introduces comedian Foxx (at left). Later, Foxx (2nd l), who received an award, joins SCLC board chairman Rev. Lowery (l) and Rev. Abernathy (r), in giving award to Rep. Andrew Young (c), who also accepted citation for Rev. Bernard Lee, who was hospitalized.

—Organization of a coalition with other groups to formulate a comprehensive plan “for the economic emancipation of Blacks”

—A campaign for full employment nationwide

—Sponsorship of a program for the protection and development of land owned by Blacks in the rural South

—Support of the Community Service Administration and assure enforcement of its laws on state and local levels.

—A call for higher taxes on alcohol, tobacco, glass, plastic and metal products to collect an additional \$14 billion, or as high as \$30 billion, to fight poverty.

The last resolution was suggested as an alternative to the existing revenue-sharing program and called for the federal government to fund 90 to 100 percent of Medicaid, housing and job training programs, allowing state and local governments to wage their

own wars against poverty with money they would otherwise have had to contribute to these programs.

The convention was spiked throughout its duration with an ample supply of soulful gospel music, singing and entertainment, including the inimitable humor of Gregory and Foxx, who also gave the conventioners a short preview of his play *Selma*, a musical drama depicting the life of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Foxx was the recipient of SCLC's “President's Award,” one of four top citations made at the awards banquet. Other award winners included Rep. Andrew Young (D., Ga.), who was named co-winner of the “Rosa Parks Award,” along with SCLC Executive Vice President Rev. Bernard Lee and Rep. Peter Rodino (D., N. Y.), who received the “Martin Luther King Jr. Award.”

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Retired Pastor Of 46 Years Dedicates Life To Equality



Rev. R. H. Dixon

He is a spry man of 75 years of age and a retired pastor of 46 pulpit seasons, but Rev. Richard H. Dixon Sr. has yet to “lay his burdens down by the riverside to study war no more.” As chairman of the National Goodwill Commission, a position that keeps him on cross-country jaunts trying to keep the doors of major hotels and motels open for Black patronage, Rev. Dixon keeps his ministry alive.

It was through his work with the Hilton hotel chains that Rev. Dixon groomed his good-will contributions. Back in 1922, Rev. Dixon was the traveling butler of a wealthy white woman from Fort Worth, Tex. The two of them booked reservations at the New Willard Hotel in Seattle, but after he signed the registration card, Rev. Dixon said he was told, “We don’t keep niggers in this hotel.” The clerk went into a back room for a few moments, and upon returning to the desk, he informed the minister and the woman that they could stay there that particular night but not the next time.

“There won’t be a next time,” Rev. Dixon shot back. He later vowed, “I would not stop until I had worked to the end that all people could stay where they wanted in America.”

The Black minister worked as a self-appointed ambassador of goodwill from that moment on. But two years ago, Arthur Griffith, general manager of the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas—Rev. Dixon’s hometown—wrote in a letter, “Doctor Dixon has worked closely with several of our Hilton hotel managers in developing better relations with our guests. Therefore, I wish to proclaim him as the official Goodwill Ambassador for Hilton Hotels, and especially the Dallas Statler Hilton.”

Rev. Dixon figures he has helped break down racial barriers in 918 motels and hotels. Speaking before the American Motor Hotel Assn. at its 1950 meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, Rev. Dixon reasoned, “If you care about your lives, you should open up your motels and hotels and let Blacks sleep there. You see, when we get sleepy we’ll run into anybody. Let us go to bed.”

Rev. Dixon’s even-tempered disposition has moved him into a rare inner-circle of friends. Late President Lyndon B. Johnson, the late Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and a number of other politicians, judges and corporate executives have had some hand in the shaping of Rev. Dixon’s life.

Married for more than 50 years and the father of two daughters and a son, Rev. Dixon is probably the only member of all three Black Baptist conventions—National Baptists U.S.A. Inc., National Baptists of America and the Progressive National Baptists.

Church's Share In South Africa's Politics Limited

The AME Church plays a major role in the lives of Black South Africans, but it is directed more toward evangelism than social involvement, according to AME Bishop Frederick C. James, who presides over six southern African countries.

On a recent tour of the U. S., Bishop James, a native South Carolinian, who has lived in Cape Town, South Africa, since 1972, reflected on the AME church in that country saying that in order to remain in South Africa he has had to refrain from political ac-

tivity and work as a traditional church leader.

"The church (in South Africa) exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to lift the spirit of the people, to foster education, to provide for maximum human growth and to administer to health and, as far as possible, economic needs," he said.

Pastoring under the racist government where Black South Africans are not allowed to own property and must live in specifically designated areas, James said, "The apartheid system does not meet church policy, but the church has respect for the existing government in which it operates."

■ **Drive Winners:** Rejoicing members of the Peoples Community Church in Detroit are elated over their success in raising \$10,267 in an EBONY subscription drive. The group netted \$5,133 for its church. Participants include (l-r) Ms. Daisy Shirley, 3rd runner-up; Ms. Ethel Johnson, 1st runner-up; Ms. Willa Costner, 2nd runner-up; Mrs. Eddie Jamerson, campaign worker; Ms. Ruth Crawford, "Miss EBONY;" Ms. Juvetta Bell, general chairman; Ms. Cassie Lawson, campaign worker; Rev. Darneau V. Stewart, pastor, and Ms. Celestine Jones, campaign worker.



CRIME

Young Black Men Likely Victims Of Violent Crime

It's been well documented that if you are male, young and Black, you are more likely to be out-of-work and more dissatisfied than anyone else in the U. S. You can now add to that the grim reality of the fact that you are also the most likely victim of a violent crime in the U. S.

This latest finding is contained in the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's report on a 1973 poll of 60,000 households and 15,000 businesses in U. S.

"Blacks were more likely than whites to have been victimized by rape, robbery and assault, whereas whites were most likely to have been victims of personal larceny," or thefts without the threat of violence, according to the report which added that most Black victims were young Black.

The report also showed that, of those polled in the survey, 13.2 percent of the Black population were crime victims while 12.7 percent of the white population were victims of the same crimes.

The report also showed that Black women were victims of rape at a rate of 3.1 per 1,000, compared with 1.7 per 1,000 women for whites.

In households headed by Blacks, the report found, a substantially higher rate of victimization exists for burglary, motor vehicle theft and household larceny. The rates were 21.6 percent for white households and 27 percent for Black households.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Rhodesia Schedules 'Fall Conference' With Blacks

The bridge spanning Victoria Falls in Rhodesia will be the site, and a luxury boxcar will be the meeting place, for the upcoming constitutional conference between the Rhodesian government and the Rhodesian Black nationalists.

The two sides agreed to hold the conference after being deadlocked for two months on a site and a time.

The conference was proposed last December so that white and Black leaders could discuss Black demands for Black rule and to find ways of ending a constitutional impasse with Britain which has lasted 10 years.

Prime Minister Ian Smith's government declared independence from Britain in 1965 rather than submit to Britain's order for Black rule in Rhodesia.

The conference will be conducted in two stages.

After the first formal talks the two sides will break into committees to discuss the various proposals made and then meet again at a mutually agreeable place "to ratify the committee proposals that have been agreed upon."

The governments of South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia have agreed to insure that any agreements would be implemented by both sides.

South African Railways will provide the coach for the conference which will be held in a railway car on the bridge which spans 5,580 feet across the falls.

South Africans Celebrate 100 Years of Afrikaans

Afrikaners of South Africa came out in mass recently to celebrate 100 years of Afrikaans, their mother language. But their sentiments were not shared by the English Academy of South Africa, which protested the celebration. It simultaneously held the conference on "the teaching of English to Afrikaans-speaking students." Afrikaans is spoken by 60 percent of South Africa's white minority.

The Popular Movement Gains In Luanda, Angola

The growing tenacles of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola tightened their grip on the capital city of Luanda and grabbed control of an important location in the south, in Angola's civil war.

After fierce fighting in the seaside capital, the rival Black nationalist groups—the National Union for the Liberation of Angola and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola—withdrew from the city.

The two groups also withdrew from the provisional government setup by the Portuguese to prepare for independence, scheduled for Nov. 11.

However, the National Front and the National Union were involved in fighting Popular Front troops in the southern city of Lobito, an important seaport.

The popular movement claimed control of the port after four days of fighting and the Nation Front and National Union, backed by



Gerald Ford



Idi Amin

Amin Tells Ford He Won't Tolerate Snub

President Idi Amin of Uganda has been quoted as saying that should President Ford snub him when he visits New York City for the next United Nations General Assembly, he will demand that the world organization be moved.

Amin, who is now also the chairman of the 46-member Organization of African Unity, reportedly said he would address the General Assembly in the name of Africa.

"If America respects the views and decisions of the African continent, President Ford will receive me," Amin said. "But if he ignores my presence in New York, I will go straight to UN headquarters, declare the continent's views and fly back to my country."

Western businesses and Zaire, withdrew to regroup.

Meanwhile, the Portuguese government, through acting high commissioner Gen. Ernesto Ferreira Do Macedo, declared the resumption of executive control of oil-rich Angola "in the absence of any functioning government."



Mayor Mitchell has been the city's chief executive since 1969.

POLITICS

Black Female Mayor, 87, Didn't Want The Job

For the past six years, Rendville, Ohio, has had a Black woman mayor who never wanted the job.

Sophia Mitchell, 87, heads one of the nation's smallest incorporated villages with only 80 residents, because no one else wanted the job.

"I never did run for mayor and I wouldn't," insists the elderly chief. "But nobody else does, so I have to stay in office."

To say the least, her political career is indeed unconventional. "I became mayor in 1969. I was president of Village Council—had been for 14 years. When the other mayor left the village, I got the job.

"We have had two elections since, but nobody else wants to be mayor."

Rendville was founded by W. P. Rend, who came from Pennsylvania to open coal mines in the 1870s.

The city is extremely small with only a collection of weathered old buildings lining Main Street, most of them abandoned.

Mrs. Mitchell walks to the Village Hall for monthly council meetings. Her job includes overseeing the waterworks (a pipeline brings water from the neighboring village of Corning) and seeing that the streets are in good condition.

Glen Arden Mayor Cousins Dies Of Heart Attack

James R. Cousins, 68, who served as mayor of Glen Arden, Md., for 28 years died of a heart attack he suffered at First Baptist Church, where he was chairman of its board of trustees.

Cousins, who was defeated in a mayoral reelection race in 1969, was elected to the City Council in 1973 and was reelected in 1975. He was also elected to the Maryland House of Delegates last January. Called "the father of the town" because he was elected as the first mayor after the town was incorporated, Cousins was entombed in the Town Hall, which was built during his administration.

Born in Washington, D. C., which adjoins Glen Arden, Cousins graduated from Armstrong High School. He worked for the federal government at the naval gun factory in D. C. from 1928 until his retirement in 1961.

He moved to suburban Glen Arden in 1934 and served briefly as the town's first policeman before becoming mayor. He received a bachelor's degree from Morgan State College in 1971.

Woman Judge Nominated For County Prosecutor Post

Trenton Municipal Court Judge Anne E. Thompson was recently nominated by New Jersey Gov. Brendan T. Byrne to become Mercer County prosecutor. Mrs. Thompson would become the first Black woman in the nation to be selected for such a post, if confirmed by the State Senate.

Judge Thompson, 41, has achieved a reputation for pragmatic leniency in handling domestic disputes which have filled her court calendar during her three years on the bench.

While Senate confirmation of her nomination is required, a spokesman for the attorney general's office said Judge Thompson could be sworn in as a special deputy attorney general and serve in an acting capacity until the Senate reconvenes.

Judge Thompson, who was a New Jersey delegate for Sen. George McGovern (D., S. D.) at the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., was appointed a municipal judge in September 1972.

She was a municipal prosecutor in the Lawrence township, a Trenton suburb, and a deputy public defender. She also served as a legal aid society lawyer.

Born in Philadelphia, Judge Thompson graduated from Howard University in Washington, D. C., in 1955, and received a master's degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1957. She earned a law degree from Howard in 1964.



■ **The South's First:** Joseph W. Hatchett, 42, the first Black person to sit on a state supreme court bench in the South when he was recently appointed a justice in the Florida Supreme Court, poses with (l-r) daughter Cheryle, 15, wife Betty, and daughter Brenda, 11.

Black Vote Might Run Into A Road Block In South

Black voters in the South may find themselves once again on the short end of the voting stick, according to Deputy U. S. Attorney Gen. Harold R. Tyler.

Tyler observed that since the Voting Rights Act became the law of the land 10 years ago, southern states are systematically trying to bar Blacks from voting.

"This potential could become a reality . . ." he said.

Chicago Prisons Head Gets Six Months To 'Shape Up'



Winston Moore

Cook County (Ill.) Corrections Dept. Director Winston E. Moore, under fire from the county sheriff and prison reform groups, has been placed under 180-days' probation—and if he doesn't please the sheriff with his progress within 90 days, the sheriff can fire him.

This was the Cook County Board of Directors' method of cooling the controversy crackling from the Cook County Jail complex in Chicago, where Moore has been accused of poor administration and pressured to resign.

The pressure has come during the past few months from County Sheriff Richard Elrod, the John Howard Assn. and the Chicago Crime Commission. Aside from accusing Moore of poor management, they have also blamed him for the escapes of 32 prisoners from the jail, the latest being an incident in which one prisoner was "allowed" to escape. Moore feels he was framed in that instance.

A board member said that the near completion of a new prison complex played a part in the board's decision. It was supposed, he said, that most of Moore's problems in the old, overcrowded Cook County Jail, would be eliminated.

Black board member Bishop Louis H. Ford gave Moore a vote of confidence. The outspoken Bish-

Gibson Fears Exodus Of Newark's Black Affluence

Although he understands that "people with upward mobility leave cities to provide a better life for themselves," Newark, N. J., Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson says he fears the "flight" of affluent Black people from his predominantly Black city.

"White flight is no concern of mine," asserted Gibson to a conference of the country's Black mayors who gathered to discuss their unique problems in Boston recently. "I am worried about Black flight. We are losing Black professionals, people of higher-income brackets."

The significance of this, he explained, is that the exodus of middle-to-upper-class Blacks leaves a core of poor, underprivileged and unemployed Blacks in the city to greet new arrivals, who happen increasingly to be white—and employed.

The mayor remarked that there are inducements now for the Black middle class to return to Newark: "We have reduced crime; we are building an educational center on the college level. We are not exactly healthy yet, but we are moving upward."

op said that "there is a nigger in the woodpile," meaning a spy had been planted at the jail to seek embarrassing information on Moore.

"I think he will prove himself as he has in the past," Bishop Ford said. "Many of the problems of the jail, including overcrowding, are beyond the man's control."



Rep. Conyers (r) chats with (l-r) Georgia State Reps. David Scott and J. E. (Billy) McKinney and Atlanta Councilman Morris Finley during a break in his subcommittee hearing on firearms legislation.

Handgun Issue Warms Conyers Subcommittee

Rep. John Conyers (D., Mich.) said he had hoped to see unanimity among Atlanta's Black elected officials when they appeared to testify before his House Subcommittee on Federal Firearms Legislation.

But Atlanta's Black mayor, Maynard Jackson, two Black Atlanta state representatives, David Scott and J. E. (Billy) McKinney, and Black City Councilman Morris Finley each had four different views on public access to handguns.

Scott proposed strong new legislation controlling the sale and purchase of the so-called "Saturday Night Special," the small handgun identified as the weapon used in emotional homicides and assaults, while McKinney, a former police officer, advocated rigid enforce-

ment of present gun laws.

Mayor Jackson suggested the creation of special lobbying groups, locally and nationally, to agitate for severe gun control laws that would lead to the outright prohibition of handguns by 1983.

Finley, who has had some personal disputes with lawmen, advocated stringent gun control laws on citizens and suggested the disarming of police officers as a deterrent to crimes involving guns.

About the rising number of persons buying guns for their own protection, Conyers said, "One of the big myths is that the gun is a defense mechanism. The easiest way to get killed by some civilian or either plainclothes policeman is to pull a gun in a so-called self-defense."

Conyers' subcommittee was in Atlanta to conduct public hearings on the gun issue.



WEEKLY ALMANAC



WE HATE YOUR DOGS, TOO.

South Africa has taken its apartheid policy to the extreme now. It recently barred a Cape Town dog from burial in a pet cemetery because—ready for this?—the dog was owned by Black folks. “Our hands are tied,” sighed a spokesman for the Society for the Protection of Animals, which operates the cemetery. “We are only allowed to have white members, and the cemetery is reserved for members of the society.”



GOOD ANALOGY.

Cleveland State Rep. Ginny Aveni had to call on her best analogy-making powers to quiet—or perhaps break up—her fellow congressmen during a discussion of rape legislation. To the argument that women shouldn’t dress provocatively in order to prevent rape, Rep. Aveni retorted, “A bank may advertise its assets but it’s still a crime to hold it up.”



LET’S HAVE ORDER!

Murder trials are supposed to be serious, but a Spokane, Wash., lawyer may have changed that. Defense Atty. Sid Wurzburg sauntered into court complaining that the zipper on his pants was stuck, whereupon he muttered, “There’s really no legal precedent for something like this,” and pulled his sports coat tightly around the laughing aperture.



GRAND THEFT.

Just to show that police do help little people, the force in Cincinnati is investigating a piggy bank burglary. Well, this case is extraordinary. The bank, which was three feet high, contained \$1,000 in pennies.



TAKE IT ALL OFF.

In Southend, England, if you advertise goodies, you’d better provide them. There’s a vacation resort there which is under investigation due to customers’ complaints that its “topless dancers” had too many clothes on.



THAT’LL TEACH YA.

So you want to skinny-dip in the warm waters of Bastia, Corsica? Well, if you get caught, the lawmen will snatch you off the beach and parade you down the main thoroughfare so everyone can see all of you. How? “Anyone caught nude will be attached to an ass and taken on a tour of the village in his birthday suit.”



TERRIBLE DAY.

Poor Tim Zunn of Bothwell, Ontario. Really. He had accidentally swallowed some strychnine he was using to poison rats. On his way to the doctor’s he became violently ill and drove his car into a tree. When he stumbled from the vehicle, a gun he was carrying discharged and the bullet grazed his noggin. And would you believe he’s still alive to tell about it?

People Are Talking About

- * How martial arts champion and actor Jim Kelly digs real-life violence, as well as what he does on the screen. He revealed that when he sees a street fight he stops to watch it, hoping to gain some pointers (!). Also, he said, he once threw a man several rows at a baseball game because the rude dude dumped some beer over him and his friends. The muscular sex symbol, who runs his own Karate School in Los Angeles, added he has to go all-out with his top black-belt student occasionally to keep fit.
- * The pet lion that crushing heavyweight boxer George Foreman keeps right at home—like in the living room and everywhere else. Asked if the lion is housebroken, Foreman responded that he allows the big cat to do whatever it pleases. The one-time champion said he studies his lion pal's movements so he can incorporate them into his training plan.
- * How a recent Chicago tug-of-war, featuring one of teasing song-weaver Marvin Gaye's renowned towels, was settled. Ten sweat-loving fans got ahold of his dampened towel after he threw it into the crowd, causing a minor ruckus with chairs flying, big scramble, etc. No one was hurt, but a wise soul came to the rescue: the unidentified person cut the towel into two-inch squares—enough for everyone involved.
- * Actor Clifton Davis' astonishing disclosure that "I'm strictly career-minded. My swinging bachelor days are over." Though he plans to remain a bachelor, he told the National Star, "I've become a homebody" and bought a nice little home in quiet suburbia, hooked up tightly with a foxy stewardess. That's for his diminishing spare time. The handsome former playboy, who reportedly used to party all night, nearly every night, has the That's My Mama television comedy series, game and talk shows galore and an upcoming nightclub act demanding his personage.
- * How Jermaine Jackson of Jackson Five fame has disappointed his father, Joe, in his decision to remain with Motown, while the rest of the family moves to Epic pastures. Said the elder Jackson, "It's my blood that flows through his body, not (Motown patriarch Barry) Gordy's. I've always tried to do what's best for him. Jermaine has a lot of people talking to him on the other side, so it's difficult for him." But father Jackson, in a Washington Post interview, said he still hasn't given up on his sex-symbol son, who is married to Gordy's daughter, Hazel: "I made provisions so that any time Jermaine is ready to come over, he can."

—GEOFFREY BROWN

Words of the Week

Naomi Sims, top flight Black fashion model, noting the contributions Black women have made to fashion in America: *"Black women design constantly 'in the street.' What the stylish young Black woman invents for herself today becomes seized upon and turned into a standard, ready-to-wear item next season. What the Black woman has indisputably given to the fashion world is the truly liberating concept of being able to wear just what she wants when she wants and exactly how she wants."*

Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins (D., Calif.) on the admitted misconduct of the FBI in the name of "protecting the national interest": *"When a great humanitarian like the late Martin Luther King Jr. is being bugged, and followed, and having his belongings unknowingly searched and rifled—the projected rationale is that these unlawful actions are justifiable because this person is a 'threat' to the nation. Hogwash and poppycock! The real threat to this nation was—and is—the egg-headed notion that 'breaking and entering' is all right when it is done in the name of patriotism, national security, and Presidential acquiescence."*

Diana Ross, singer, Academy Award nominee and star of the new film, *Mahogany*, defining show business: *"Show business is a great, wide, wonderful school. Oh, not your traditional little red schoolhouse. And you don't graduate from it. When you do that, you're retired."*

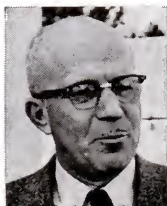
Ernest Gaines, author of the highly acclaimed novel, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, explaining how inner anxiety fosters his creative process: *"Some guys get angry and go to a punching bag. As they're jabbing at it, they're developing their muscles; they're getting sharper. I try to use the anger in a positive way, to create a lasting punch, one that will have a longer effect than just screaming or calling somebody an M.F. or S.O.B."*



Naomi Sims



Diana Ross



A. Hawkins



Ernest Gaines

THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS



Norman L. Hunter

» **Different, 'Moore' Or Less:** Vocal temptress Melba Moore stops to autograph enlarged photo of herself made in 1972, while visiting Johnson Publishing Co.'s Chicago headquarters. Today, her smile is still bright but her coiffure is different—and she's happily married.



Isaac Sutton

■ **Shake 'Em, Mamas:** Displaying good measures of their physical finery, (l-r) Irene Cara, Lonette McKee and Dwan Smith, stars of the upcoming movie, *Sparkle*, grace Warner Brothers' "Block Hop" in Los Angeles, a tribute to the film's performers, producers and director.

STAGEBOUND

What's ahead for Chicagoan Sandy Lee (37-23-37)? She hopes for a successful singing career. Ms. Lee, in the meantime, works as a part-time secretary and actress as she awaits her big break.

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Wide World

■ **Goodbye, Butterfly:** "Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee" may soon become "kick like a mule and punch like a kangaroo" when boxing champ Muhammad Ali finishes his karate lessons at his Deer Lake (Pa.) training camp. He says he will surprise Joe Frazier.



■ Bunny's Brother Boxes: Although she's a knockout Black beauty in her own right ('tis true that women could rule the world with just a wiggle of the tail), Marion Conteh is a Playboy Bunny in London—but her brother, John, is the world light-heavyweight boxing champion.

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SOCIETY WORLD

COCKTAIL CHITCHAT: A double birthday party for Mrs. **Martha Merritt**, 100, and her sister, Miss **Mary Pinkston**, 97, was given by Mrs. Merritt's former employer, Mrs. **Thomas LaHaye**, in Nashville, Tenn. A cake for the sisters was made by Mrs. **Mary Miller**, daughter of the late "White House Cake Maker," Mrs. **Betty Wilson**. . . . New York City cosmetics tycoon **Rose Morgan** has expanded her export-import business and has moved from her Harlem apartment to an exclusive address on the East Side that overlooks Gracie Mansion, "the residence of the mayor (**Abraham Beame**)." . . . **Fenton Fuller Little**, after touring New England and Canada, visited New York City for two days with a group of retired registered nurses from Memphis, Tenn. Her niece, **Lillian Searcy** of Chicago, was visiting her brother, **Jimmy Little**. . . . Mr. and Mrs. **Wydell Misshore** held a wedding reception for their daughter, **Belva**, at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans after her marriage to **Walter Pichon IV**. . . . The former **Grace Reid**, daughter of Dr. **Joseph Epps**, was married to **Frank Puglesi** in a ceremony performed by Rep. **Andrew Young** (D., Ga.) in New Orleans.



■ **For Hospital:** John H. Sengstacke, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender and Provident Hospital board chairman, joins the hospital's Womens Auxiliary Board members at fund-raising benefit party. Members are (l-r) Mrs. **Carrie Greene**, benefit chairperson; Mrs. **Mildred Overton**, board secretary; Mrs. **Maude Tancil**, women's board chairperson, and Mrs. **Dorothy Winfield**. The party took place at the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago.



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THE WASHINGTON SCENE: During the fifth annual Congressional Black Caucus weekend activities (Sept. 26, 27) there will be an all-day workshop conducted by the Joint Center for Political Studies at the Rayburn House Office Building. There will be a luncheon fashion show at the Sheraton Park Hotel, sponsored by the Saks Fifth Avenue store. Mrs. **Alma Rangel** is the show chairman. **Helen Moody** is fashion coordinator, and Mrs. **Roscoe Dellums**, wife of California congressman **Ronald Dellums**, is a committee member. . . . Dr. and Mrs. **Oscar S. DePriest III** (he is grandson of the first Black congressman after Reconstruction) held a brunch in their Silver Spring, Md., home and presented an art exhibit entitled, "Creative Impressions from the Brush of Holston." . . . **Ofield Dukes**, who now owns a public relations firm in D. C., and Dr. **Rosa Clausell** will return to their native hometown, Detroit, for a church wedding on August 30. Prenuptial festivities in D. C. include: a stag luncheon for Dukes given by Dr. **LaSalle Leffall** at the Cosmos Club; a brunch for the pair given by Rep. **Charles C. Diggs** (D., Mich.); a shower for Dr. Clausell, given by **Carolyn DuBose** and **Betty Houston**, and a plant shower hosted by Mrs. **Savanna Clark**, Mrs. **Cernoria Johnson** and Mrs. **Sallie Johnston**. A prewedding brunch in Detroit will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. **James J. McClendon** and Dr. and Mrs. **James Wardell**. . . . To celebrate the wedding of **Louise White** and **James C. Allison**, Mr. and Mrs. **Robert C. (Bobby) Mitchell** (he was the first Black player with Washington Redskins football team and is now a personnel scout) hosted a luncheon in their Gold Coast home in D. C.

—E. FANNIE GRANTON



❖ **Marital Joy:** Mr. and Mrs. **Bernard Jefferson** clasp hands in display of unity following their recent marriage in Birmingham, Ala., where the bride, the former **Coretta Robinson**, is a registered nurse. The groom is employed by one of the Birmingham newspapers. Both are graduates of **Dillard University** in New Orleans.



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Hard-To-Find, Black Child Care Book Has Good Tips

After three-and-a-half years of collaboration and synthesis of precepts, psychiatrists Dr. James P. Comer, associate dean of student affairs at Yale University's School of Medicine, and Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, Harvard Medical School associate dean of student affairs, churned out *Black Child Care*, a well researched book that's in scarce supply.

Their publishers, Simon and Schuster, weren't sure they had a marketable product and printed a



Dr. James Comer Dr. A. Poussaint

first run of 5,000 copies—all of which have been gobbled up by Black and white parents and teachers alike at \$9.95 per copy—a fair price for a good brain food.

The authors and publishers are trying to work out an interim agreement before a two-month period, the normal waiting time for second-printing distributions, is up.

"Both of our previous books had sales of over 8,000 copies," remarked Dr. Poussaint in reference to his book *Why Blacks Kill Blacks*

and a book he co-authored, *Beyond Black and White*. "They (the publishers) really don't serve the Black community."

If Simon and Schuster were insensitive to the Black community, then authors Comer and Poussaint were not. They have compiled a series of probing and not-so-probing child-rearing questions asked of them by Black parents and teachers, and by white parents and teachers of Black children. For example:

Q. *We are white and we have just adopted a Black child. Are there some general guidelines you can suggest?*

A. *Hopefully your motives were not to rescue the child from his or her Blackness. Attitudes of either white superiority or pity for Blacks are likely to lead to difficulty . . .*

One wrist-tap criticism of the book was that it should have been illustrated (there are no pictures within its 385 pages), and because it isn't, there is a built-in bias toward middle-class or highly educated Blacks.

But Dr. Comer rebuts, "I tried some of the concepts in discussions with low-income families with pleasing results."

If carefully read and followed, *Black Child Care*, says Dr. Poussaint, should result in the development of "strong, responsible Black children." Readers are served a smorgasbord of principles in Black child care ranging from identity problems, to sexual activity, to classroom achievement with a strong emphasis on Black child survival in a racist society.

ARMED FORCES

Naval Academy Frosh Get First Black Commander

Durward Curtiss, 21, a senior class member of the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., recently became regimental commander during the summer for the freshman class.

Curtiss is the first Black to be given this leadership opportunity.

The political science major, who is a native of Chicago, is also a member of the academy's varsity football team.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stanchel.

Black Man Heads U. S. Army Aircraft Defense Project

A three-year research effort aimed at reducing the vulnerability to enemy fire of five Army aircraft will be directed by Black project engineer James T. Robinson.

Robinson, project engineer for the Eustis Directorate of U. S. Army Air Mobility Research and Development Laboratory in Fort Eustis, Va., said the program will be conducted in three phases: initial design, initial prototype and final prototype.

He said approximately eight contracts would be required for the project, scheduled to begin in fiscal year 1976.

The five Army aircraft that the project will deal with are the AH-IG/Q Cobra, the UH-1H Iroquois, the OH-58A Kiowa, the CH-47C Chinook and the OV-10 Mohawk.



» **General Discussion:** Recounting some of the high points of his military career, Lt. Gen. Daniel (Chappie) James Jr., who has been nominated to become the first Black four-star general, addresses SCLC President Rev. Ralph Abernathy during the awards banquet of the 1975 National Urban League Conference in Atlanta.

All-Black Boley, Okla., Declared Natl. Monument

It's now official: Boley, Okla., (pop. 515 Blacks) has been declared a national monument by the U. S. Congress. That's the town whose honorary police chief is none other than comedian Flip Wilson.

Incorporated in 1910, Boley was the first all-Black American Indian town in the West. In announcing the declaration, Rep. Ted Risenhoover (D., Okla.) said, "Boley represents a significant aspect of Afro-American history."

CENSUS

Died:

Frederick Massiah, 77, a noted civil engineer and reinforced concrete construction contractor, following a lengthy illness at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. . . . **Rev. M. L. Franklin**, 60, retired pastor of the Sacred Cross Baptist church in Detroit, following a brief illness at Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland. . . . **Karl Grey Roberts**, 49, a Democratic candidate for the Philadelphia clerk for Quarter Sessions Court, of a heart attack in his home. . . . **Mrs. Mae Stewart Thompson**, 85, a former supervising teacher in health and physical education at Howard University and wife of **Dr. Charles Thompson**, former dean of the Graduate School at Howard, following a brief illness at the Mar-Salle Nursing Home in Washington, D. C. . . . **Mrs. Muriel Edwardes Warde**, 74, a retired nightclub entertainer, following a brief illness at Brookline Hospital in Boston. . . . **Mrs. Grace E. Wailes Sr.**, 75, a noted Detroit musician and composer, following a lengthy illness in her Detroit home. . . . **Jimmie Checks**, 56, a Los Angeles businessman, of a heart attack in his business establishment. . . . **Louis Talbert**, 107, Detroit centenarian, of natural causes at Art Centre Hospital in Detroit. . . . **Julius Campbell**, 58, a retired U. S. park policeman, of cancer in his Washington, D. C. home.



Whipper (above), who always referred to himself as a "human toothpick," was president of the Negro Actors Guild of America.



Among his best roles were Gullah Jack in the play, Set My People Free (center), and Haile Selassie in the film, Mission to Moscow.



First Black Actors Assn. Member Dies In N.Y. At 98

When students of drama turn their textbooks to the chapters on Black stars, they'll have to take notice of Leigh Whipper Sr., who spent 65 years on stage and sometimes on film, until his retirement three years ago.

The self-proclaimed "human toothpick," who stood six feet high, died recently at age 98 following a brief illness in New York City's Harlem Hospital. He collected so many kudos during his illustrious career that a newcomer to the acting profession might feel a bit overwhelmed at reading Whipper's life story.

Born in Charleston, S. C., Whipper graduated from Howard University Law School. His father, Brig. Gen. William J. Whipper, was a circuit court judge and a member of two constitutional conventions during Reconstruction. His mother was a physician.

Instead of making law his lifetime vocation, Whipper chose show business and attended drama school.

Later, he was the first Black member of the Actors Equity Assn., and was president for many years of the Negro Actors Guild of America, was decorated by the Ethiopian government for his portrayal of now-deposed Emperor Haile Selassie in *Mission to Moscow*, and was "Crabman" in *Porgy and Bess*.

He was the first actor, Black or white, to receive the Screen Actors Guild Award in New York.



Whipper (above) delivers message to Katherine Hepburn in celebrated movie Undercurrent.

He delighted Broadway audiences as Jim Veal (center) in Stevedore.



Whipper (l) was congratulated by Timmie Rogers (c) and Honey Coles for receiving Screen Actors Guild Award.



EDUCATION

Whitney M. Young Sr. Dies In Louisville At 77



Civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Sr. died of complications from heart surgery at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

W. M. Young Sr. Young, 77, noted for his work in the civil rights field with young people of all races, had been ill for several months.

Born in Midway, Ky., he attended Lincoln Institute of Kentucky and a few other Black colleges, and later became Lincoln's president from 1935 to 1966.

In 1948, he was named president of the Kentucky Negro Education Assn., holding that position until 1956 when the organization merged with the all-white Kentucky Education Assn.

Young was a member of President Lyndon Johnson's Citizens' Committee for the Implementation of the Civil Rights Law in 1964.

He also was a columnist for the Chicago Daily Defender newspaper, and until his death he was still active in civil rights work as a member of the Advisory Board of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Job Corps Center in Louisville, named after his son, the former executive director of the National Urban League, who drowned in Nigeria in 1971. Young is survived by two daughters, Dr. Eleanor Love of

Nation's Attention Is On School Busing In Boston

While the issue of school busing was still sparking intense racial strife in Boston, similar plans to integrate the public school systems of other cities were proceeding much more quietly.

At least three cities—Dayton, Louisville, and Jackson, Tenn.—are beginning new busing programs in the fall, and school officials in Philadelphia and Dallas are considering court-ordered integration plans which could mean widespread busing by next year.

In Detroit, U. S. District Court Judge Robert DeMascio ruled out citywide busing designed to integrate Detroit schools. In a 124-page opinion, DeMascio directed the Detroit Board of Education to draw up an integration plan based on busing for the nation's fifth largest school district only as a last resort to eliminate "white identifiable" schools.

The NAACP, plaintiff in the case, denounced the ruling. Said Joseph Madison, executive director of the Detroit NAACP: "I don't see how in hell you can talk about desegregating white schools and not desegregating Black schools. It's not a one-way process."

Though the Detroit decision is historic in that it de-emphasizes busing and the integration of Black schools, the nation's attention remained focused on the red-hot situation in Boston.

Louisville, Dr. Arnita Boswell of Chicago, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



» **A Kiss For Miss Talented Teen:** Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson (r) plants "a big one" on the cheek of Renee Crutcher, 16, of Atlanta after she was crowned "Miss U. S. Talented Teenager For 1975" in New York City. Renee's mother, Mrs. Ruth Crutcher (l) beams her approval at the proceedings. Later, the city of Atlanta feted Renee to a special day in her honor.

Central State Awarded \$900,000 HEW Grant

Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, has received a \$900,000 grant from the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare to supplement the university's Advanced Institutional Development Program. The new grant is supplemental to a \$1.8-million AIDP grant previously awarded the university by HEW. It will help fund the establishment of a freshman studies program, strengthen academic programs, develop new programs and implement a resource allocation system for university fiscal management.

Howard Univ. Awarded \$397,500 Kellogg Grant

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., has awarded a three-year grant totaling \$397,500 to Howard University to bolster the university's graduate business and public administration school programs.

The grant will allow the school to hire additional administrative staff, improve its library collection, grant the release time for faculty members to do research and to provide fellowships for students.

This is only one of the private grants Howard has received this year.

MR. & MRS.

Davis, Ex-wife Solve Cash Problems; Veteran Returns

Apparently veteran St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Willie Davis, 35, and his former wife, Jeanna, have resolved their fiscal problems since the veteran returned to action last week with two singles, a double and a triple to ignite a win over the Cincinnati Reds.

Last February, Davis was arrested for failure to pay monthly alimony and child support, but was released when he promised to pay an estimated \$12,000 in back payments.

But recently, Davis complained that Jeanna wanted still more money.

"My ex-wife is trying to claim all my wages," Davis said alarmingly, "which would in effect have me playing for nothing. If she's gonna get my money, let her play." Until the matter was re-

Can't Sell Ashes Of Her Dad's Body, Woman Told

Humans have been known to be pretty morbid and disrespectful to the deceased, but a Baltimore woman recently sought to sell the ashes of her father's cremated body at a public auction.

The case was brought to the attention of Maryland Attorney Gen. Francis B. Burch when an auctioneer asked his opinion about a woman who insisted on including her father's remains among the items to be sold from her newly acquired estate.

But Burch informed the woman and auctioneer that although the state's Anatomical Gift Act broadened a family's right to dispense with a body, it "clearly does not contemplate the selling of the decedent's remains by his next of kin."

solved, Davis had put himself on the disqualified list.

Meanwhile the Cardinals front office hesitated to put Davis back into the lineup, despite his .308 batting average in 63 games, until he was legally free from wage garnishments.

Davis, a Shosu Buddhist who last year said he was the happiest man in baseball, was held in contempt of court last February, because he did not pay stipulated support of \$1,750 a month to his ex-wife and three children from Sept. 1, 1974 to Jan. 1, 1975.

Davis formerly played for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Montreal Expos and the Texas Rangers.

Davis is shown after he wed dancer Jeanna Limyoun in 1963.



Oldest Black Sports Assn. Gains Support; Looks Good

"The SIAC is going to be all right."

This optimistic forecast about the future of the nation's oldest organization governing organized athletics for Black colleges in the Deep South came from Hubert (Bus) Thompson, president-elect of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Thompson, the athletic director and head basketball coach at Fisk University, who succeeds Florida A&M University's A. S. (Jake) Gaither as head of the SIAC in December, accentuated the positive following the conference's annual meeting in Atlanta recently.

One reason for his confidence is what he described as the "assured commitment to support" by the presidents of the 16-member schools in keeping the conference healthy, despite the economic crunch and the decline in interest and attendance at the major sports events.

Thompson also said the conference will junk its annual four-team basketball tournament and revert to eight teams in an effort to generate more money for the SIAC coffer.

T. Herman Graves, president of the Southern Coaches and Officials Assn., a vital component of the SIAC, was also optimistic about the conference as well as his organization, which met in conjunction with the SIAC.

The SCOA has no immediate objectives, except to continue to improve the quality of officiating

SPORTS

Hall Of Fame For Frazier

Joe Frazier, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, was recently inducted into the Black Athletes Hall of Fame at ceremonies held at the Americana Hotel in New York City. Frazier, unable to attend the formal ceremonies in Las Vegas's Caesars Palace in March, was presented his Hall of Fame plaque and ring by Charlie Mays, the executive director of the hall.

among its 150 members so that more of them can get assignments in organized professional sports, Graves told JET.

Graves added that the SIAC and its SCOA already have two of its members working WFL games, another two assigned to the NFL, and several others officiating games in white conferences on the collegiate level.

Thompson (l) and Graves tell JET about plans to bolster SIAC.





■ **Visitor No. 1 Million:** Mrs. Rebecca Robinson, 69, of Detroit gleefully accepts color television, autographed baseball and game tickets from baseball great Hank Aaron (l) for being the 1 millionth person to visit the history-tracking Freedom Train. Freedom Train founder Ross Rowland (c) holds television set.

Va. Youth Wins Skate Dashes In Record Times

Barry Thompson, 13, a member of the Alexandria (Va.) Speed Club, and the Forrestville (Md.) Skating Club, set two national skating records in the 440- and 880-yard races at the National Roller Skating Championship for freshman boys in Lincoln, Neb., recently.

Thompson, who lives in Arlington, Va., and attends Swannson Junior High School, earned the right of entry in national competition by placing in the southeastern regional competition in Richmond, Va. The record time he set in the

440 race was 44.3 seconds, only .6 of a second off the old record. His 880-yard performance of 1:29.9 beat the old mark by seven-tenths of a second.

Thompson also holds titles in the International Outdoor Skating Championships. The ninth grader placed first in freshman boys' speed, first in the freshman two-boy relay and first in the freshman four-boy relay. So far this year, he has skated in meets from New York to Georgia. The National Roller Skating Championships are sponsored by the United States of America Confederation of Amateur Roller Skating.

Judy Johnson Joins Hall; Special Committee Periled

He was hailed among the "chitlin' circuit" of professional baseball as one of the most fabulous third basemen of all time. And now, at the age of 76, William (Judy) Johnson finds himself enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.

"I never dreamed I would be remembered by the Hall of Fame," said Johnson in his induction speech. "I want to thank all the people that made this possible. I thought I had been forgotten. Now I turn around and find myself on the same dais as such great stars as Stan Musial, Hank Greenberg and Bob Feller, among others."

Recalling his baseball past, when he was a member of the famed Pittsburgh Crawfords and the Homestead Grays, Johnson in-

toned, "It was nothing for us to play seven days a week and make nightly trips of more than 500 miles in order to fill our dates. It certainly made for good fellowship among our players."

Joining Ralph Kiner, Bucky Harris, Billy Herman and Earl Averill, Johnson could tragically become the last Cooperstown entry from the old "Negro leagues."

There are reports that the Hall of Fame board will soon meet to decide the fate of the special committee formed in 1970 to name "eight or nine" Black greats who because of racial discrimination never got broad exposure. To date, six Blacks have been tapped. They are Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Monte Irvin, "Cool Papa" Bell and Johnson.

After the ceremonies, characterized by wit and humor, a sell-out crowd saw the Boston Red Sox beat the San Francisco Giants.



Johnson joins inductees (l-r) Kiner, Herman, Harris and Averill during Hall of Fame ceremony. Special Negro leagues committee may be banned.



After JET Publisher and Mrs. John H. Johnson presented first-place bowl trophies to Howard Greller (3rd-l) and his partner Maurice Hunter, runners-up (kneeling, l-r) Lester Mornay and Jim Kelly pose with Denise Nicholas and Allen Mills (r) of American Airlines.

American Airlines-JET Tourney: Classic Fun

The sun-drenched San Diego day was nature-perfect for tennis, and the celebrities who came to Morely Field for the first annual American Airlines-JET Celebrity

Displaying perfect form, Cosby, who chartered jet from Lake Tahoe, warms up for tournament in which Ms. Johnson and Dr. Freeman were paired.





Tournament co-director Miss Nicholas stops at net with Williamson and Marlon Jackson, who made pre-match visit. Later, Anheuser Busch executive Edward B. Glore Jr. shares laugh with tennis partner Ms. Franklin.



Tennis Matches wearing snappy designer's outfits and manned with class rackets, were suitably toned for the action ahead.

Only actress Gail Fisher, who played despite a heel injury, and leggy Tamara Dobson, who asked to be scratched after suffering an ankle injury a few days before the matches, were nagged by physical nuisances.

Machismo actor Fred Williamson had his physical problems, too, but they were of the enviable kind—at least to those with play-boy fantasies.

Williamson, one of Hollywood's busiest males on films is apparently quite busy off camera as he travelled in an entourage of women.

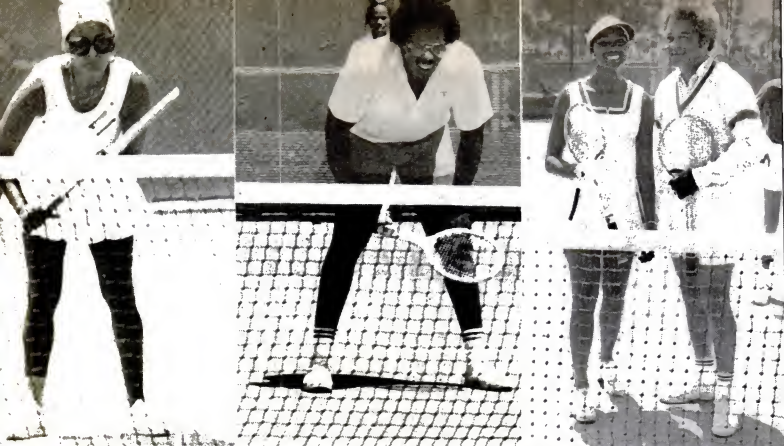
Still, the fearless and perhaps peerless Williamson kept his mind on his game—tennis that is—and he forewarned, "I'm terrible on the net. With my game and my

size I should have no trouble winning."

As added pluses in case his ground strokes might have been

Actresses Carol Speed (l) and Jayne Kennedy take on serious looks during a break in the action. More than 3,000 people showed up to watch.





Poised for fast net game, actress Gail Fisher and former gridder Deacon Jones look menacing while Rep. Burke (D., Calif.) and husband Bill pause before going into action at tourney aiding ATA.

3,000 Fans Ogle Celebs On 27 Tennis Courts

slightly off, Williamson, dressed in devilishly tight red trunks and a zip-opened jacket that revealed

Stylishly dressed, Mrs. Ernestine Smith (l), wife of St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Reggie Smith, and Miss Hendry talk strategy.



chest bush, which Williamson humbly predicted "should definitely give me an advantage."

As things turned out, however, Williamson didn't win, at least on the courts, but settled for his thin-cigars and his spapely "consolation prizes."

For after a full day of doubles matches—mixed, male and "troubled"—the handsome silver bowl-shaped awards went to Howie Greller, an executive with Catalina tennis clothes in Los Angeles and his 18-year-old partner, Maurice Hunter also of Los Angeles, who is the protégé of multi-talented comedian Bill Cosby.

Runner-up honors went to the team of Motown publicist Lester Mornay and slashing karate champion-turned-actor Jim Kelly, whose early revelations were that he had practiced very hard for the



Returning to baseline after point, actor-musician Bill Elliott advances in tourney, as comedian Pryor prepares for attack and Oscar Robertson and wife Yvonne arrive for play. More than 20 celebrities made Morley matches.

matches and was thinking nothing but "win, win, win, and after this take on Muhammad Ali." It was indeed a hard preparation for Kelly.

But Kelly wasn't the only one who primed for the co-sponsored celebrity matches staged as a benefit for the predominantly

Black American Tennis Assn., which held its 58th annual tournament at Morely last week.

Soul-reaching singer Aretha Franklin, miraculously thin and petite, confessed she had taken only four lessons especially for the tournament but needed help with her backhand although "I can still

The team of Jayne Kennedy and EBONY Executive Editor Herbert Nipson cool off after loss. Pryor maps attack with partner Robert E. Johnson, JET Associate Publisher, as Clarence Williams III inks autograph for fan.





Relaxing at after party, Ken Cunningham and Aretha Franklin are stunning guests in white, and co-director Jackson breaks up Tamara Dobson with joke.

Cosby Charts Plane To Play In Celebrity Matches

get it over the net," she conceded.

Comedian Richard Pryor decid-

Dressed in gown-like outfit, Don Pedro Colley shares humor with organist Jimmy Smith.



ed to pick up his first racket and instructions just weeks before the matches, but complained most of the day that his racket must have had a hole in it. Cosby, an ever-improving player, chartered a private plane from Lake Tahoe, where he was appearing, so that he wouldn't miss a chance to play.

In fact Cosby, teamed with Williamson, and barely missed winning a special "grudge match" staged against Kelly and Ed Glore.

It was a day for other near misses. Linda Johnson, the teen-aged daughter of JET Publisher and Mrs. John H. Johnson, found herself a point away from making the finals with her proficient partner Dr. Clyde Freeman, ATA president.

The duo was edged out by Kelly and Mornay who also scarcely escaped the clutches of defeat in their semi-finals match against

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Greenlee's *Spook* Film Causes Jamaican Riot

When the second annual Jamaican Film Festival came to a close recently, the judges made a vote change that caused a minor riot in Kingston.

The judges had voted unanimously that Sam Greenlee's *The Spook Who Sat By The Door* was the best film—but before the award ceremonies enough judges reversed their votes without explanation to push *Spook* into the darkness and bring a documentary film, *From These Roots* to the limelight of victory. However, the best actor award did go to *Spook's* Lawrence Cook.

This was fine with the townspeople who showed up the next night to a public screening of *Spook*—until they found out *Spook* had been withdrawn. They angrily broke the theater's showcase and caused a minor fracas in which no

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one was hurt. Last year, *Spook* got the shaft when the film was reportedly lost around festival time.

Sammy Davis Shuns Miss World-USA Contest

Entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. refused to cross a picket line by a group of feminists recently at the Miss World-USA beauty contest.

Davis was to be co-host of the affair along with comedian Bob Hope and actor George Hamilton.

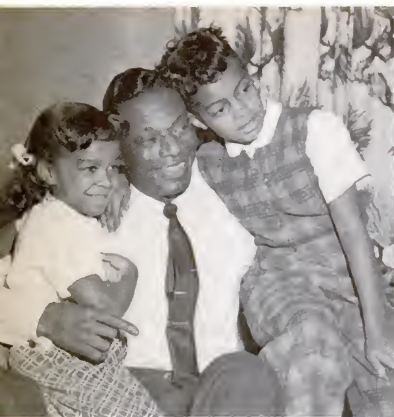
The entertainer said he did not exactly agree with the protestors, "but if they care this much about it, I have to respect it."

The group of feminists said the beauty contest was degrading to women. The group opposed beauty contests that depict women as sex objects.

As an afterthought, Davis said, "I would support a group fighting for human dignity."

"Miss Alabama" Denise Banks (l), 20, poses along with several contestants during the swim suit competition at the Miss World-USA beauty contest in nearby Springfield, Mass.





A pixieish Natalie Cole (l) poses with famed father Nat (King) Cole and sister Carol, now an actress.

Nat (King) Cole's Daughter Follows In His Footsteps

By Geoffrey F. Brown

At age 6, Natalie (c) recorded Good Will The Christmas Spirit for Capitol. Nat and Carol join her in song-fest.



When Natalie Cole signed a long-term recording contract with Capitol Records a few months ago, rumors raced through the industry that the company was just taking on the young singer out of a deep respect for her late father, Nat (King) Cole, who was one of the first and greatest-selling song-stylists ever to groove on that label.

But Capitol executives and Ms. Cole alike hasten to correct that misinformation. They agree that Capitol signed her, because she was good and showed great promise. Period. The family connection was nice, but not necessary.

And indeed, the talented, 25-year-old songstress is making the music world take notice of her via her first release, *This Will Be*, which is quickly rising on JET's Soul Brothers Top 20 and other national rating charts.

In an interview, Ms. Cole supplied the details of her surprising emergence as a bonafide performer—never mind papa's shadow.

"We had been to other record companies," she began, "because we were looking for a certain type of deal. Capitol really was the last company I was thinking of because I didn't want to go to them and say, 'You handled my father, now what can you do for me?' Since then, a lot of the people who worked with my father are no longer there.

"We had to approach Capitol differently because of my background. I am not a singer like my father. Maybe I will eventually grow into that type of singer, but it's best that I start out doing the

best things I can in my field. My best qualities are in the rhythm-and-blues field and not the ballads. And Capitol will not try to make me anything I'm not," she remarked.

This isn't to say that breaking into the business was easy for Ms. Cole. Her "guardian angel" had a heck of a battle with her "hellion angel" over whether she should use her father's reputation as a

into Capitol with that kind of attitude.

"She said I'd have to make it on my own. And it's not been an easy road to travel," she continued, referring to the trail of her father's entertainment footsteps.

In this sentiment, she joins several other young performers, including Chris and Layle Calloway, Josh White Jr. and Shuggie Otis, who have patterned their careers



Ms. Cole says her father would be "shocked" to see her singing professionally now, since she showed no such ambitions during childhood. Nat (King) Cole died in 1965 when Natalie was 15 years old.

passkey to the big time. "It was a temptation, let me tell you," Ms. Cole laughed.

"But mom (Maria Cole Devore) has really raised me," Ms. Cole said. "She has instilled in me a lot of values and one of them is self-respect. I don't think that I could really feel good about myself if I didn't have any talent, and knew I didn't have talent, and walked

after their fathers, Cab, Josh and Johnny, respectively.

Ms. Cole's voice and style have been likened to those of Aretha Franklin and the Pointer Sisters, but she knows where she got her lessons. "I reached a lot of people (in trial sessions) with just my voice," she said. "And I have the same thing about lyrics that my father did. You can hear every

Natalie Admires Aretha, Gladys And Nancy

word I say. I can't stand hearing a song and I can't understand what they're saying because they don't enunciate each letter."

She further explained her philosophy of singing while praising songweavers Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and Nancy Wilson. "I've always liked Aretha. I just can't seem to get way from her—her and Gladys Knight. They're just level all the way. They don't try to be anything they are not, they don't try to sing anything that's not 'them.' And I respect them for that."

Also, she said, "Nancy Wilson keeps coming up in my mind, because even though she hasn't tried to do anything out of her field (ballads) she knows where she belongs and almost everything she does, she does very well."

Ms. Cole then turned the discussion to Cupid, whose arrows of love keep missing her—because she ducks when she sees them coming. "I'm just really all about my career right now," she main-

tained. "It takes up about 75 percent of my mind right now so I haven't gotten married. "I want children, but to raise them and spend that kind of time with them you and your mate have to have a certain type of rapport with each other and you have to have time. Right now I don't have the time to give to a man, let alone to some children. It would be unfair to ask a man to see me only when he may. So marriage is not so important to me."

The topic of marriage brought up her mother's marriage to a white man (Gary Devore) four years after her father's death in 1965. But Ms. Cole explained that, while gossip mongers were wagging their vituperative tongues, the Cole children were oblivious to the color of the man's skin.

"The last time I thought about it," she recounted, "was the day they were getting married. She's happy and my brothers and sisters love him, and I love him, too. He's a good man and there really

Maria Cole Devore, Ms. Cole's mother, gives motherly advice to daughter during 1967 cotillion as escort Thomas Mosley listens. Ms. Cole's mother chats with second husband, Gary Devore.



aren't too many men who could have come after my father, for my mother."

When asked whether she believed there'd ever be another Nat (King) Cole, Ms. Cole issued a slow "No." She reasoned, "Communicating with people is even harder today than 20 years ago, and that's why there'll never be another Nat. If there were, people might not even recognize him."

"We should hope that there would be something close to another Nat (King) Cole because look what he did for the music business. I'm very optimistic but I didn't think it was going to be me who was going to have to be it (his double)."

"I believe this thing (singing) happened to me for a reason. I think I was called to carry on this man's name and I think right now I'm the only one who can," she said, reminding that she's speaking only of name—not artistry. "Daddy had no idea that I was going to be a singer. If he were here, he'd be shocked," she revealed.

"People want me to be an exact replica, in the female flesh, of my father," she continued, "but there's no way I can be that. When they see me perform they say, 'Well, I gotta say, you sure can sing. I just wish you'd do more of your father's stuff.' But rather than let that bother her, she chooses to assume this attitude: "All I want to hear is that I'm good. That's what's important to me."

She concluded, "It's up to me to find the right groove, because I can only do what I can do and I



Ms. Cole shares (r) light moment with fellow singer Nancy Wilson, whom she admires.

don't know yet if I'm really qualified to do the things my father did.

"I'll have to find that out. Capitol will have to find it out. My success will not happen overnight, but it will happen."

Studious Ms. Cole says she devotes "75 percent" of time to career.



Soul Brothers **TOP** 10 Gospel

Album Title, Artist and Label

- ① **GOD HAS SMILED ON ME**.....James Cleveland (Savoy)
- ② **NO CHARGE**.....Shirley Caesar (Hob)
- ③ **GOODBYE LONELINESS, HELLO HAPPINESS**....Rev. Maceo Woods (Truth)
- ④ **TAKE ME BACK**.....Andraé Crouch (Light)
- ⑤ **AMAZING GRACE**.....Aretha Franklin (Atlantic)
- ⑥ **HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL**.....Isaac Douglas (Creed)
- ⑦ **LORD HELP ME TO HOLD OUT**.....Harold Smith Majestics (Savoy)
- ⑧ **I'LL DO HIS WILL**.....James Cleveland (Savoy)
- ⑨ **REACH OUT**.....Gospel Keynotes (Nashboro)
- ⑩ **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**.....James Cleveland (Savoy)



Soul Brothers **TOP** 10 Jazz

Album Title, Artist and Label

- ① **MR. MAGIC**.....Grover Washington Jr. (Kudu)
- ② **CHICAGO THEME**.....Hubert Laws (CTI)
- ③ **MELLOW MADNESS**.....Quincy Jones (A & M)
- ④ **TAIL SPINNIN'**.....Weather Report (Columbia)
- ⑤ **STEPPIN' INTO TOMORROW**.....Donald Byrd (Blue Note)
- ⑥ **CHAIN REACTION**.....Crusaders (Blue Thumb)
- ⑦ **SUN GODDESS**.....Ramsey Lewis (Columbia)
- ⑧ **EXPANSIONS**.....Lonnie Liston Smith (Flying Dutchman)
- ⑨ **IN THE POCKET**.....Stanley Turrentine (Fantasy)
- ⑩ **THE BOYS DOING IT**.....Hugh Masekela (Casablanca)

NEW YORK BEAT

Trumpeter **Miles Davis** says he's thinking of getting married again. This time to top model **Beverly Johnson**, and he says that he has reasons to believe that she'd welcome the proposition. . . . Prototer **Don Johnson** says he knows a popular Black sex symbol who didn't wait for the advent of **Eldridge Cleaver** trouser codpiece. The handsome brother has been stuffing a stiff wad of cardboard in his trousers for many years to boost his standing with the ladies. . . . **Margaret Branch**, daughter of bandleader **Ben Branch** sings backup for Aretha Franklin in The Prima-Donna's is now back home in Detroit. . . . **Bob White**, national president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, is steaming over the fact that the postmaster general has forbidden his organization to post notices on postal service bulletin boards. He's threatening action through the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. . . . Playwright **Ed Bullins** has been commissioned by **Rufus Cole Butzow** to write a play based on the trial of **Joan Little**. If produced, Bullins has arranged to give Miss Little, who was recently acquitted of murder charges, half the earnings. . . . New York Amsterdam News Editor **James Murray** is the proud father of a baby boy. . . . **Tyree Glenn Jr.** is a hilarious Black weatherman on the Los Angeles outlet of ABC-TV news under the title of "Dr. George." . . . **Emmett Ashford**, baseball's first Black umpire, will perform the same chore in Universal's *Bingo Long Travelling All Stars And Motor Kings*. . . . RCA Records held a faith hope and charity disco dance contest, and a Puerto Rican brother, **Peter Cruz**, and his Jewish partner won the hustle contest. . . . To all the young ladies who are curious: No, actor **Calvin Lockhart** and author **Verta Mae Grosvenor** (*Vibration Cooking*) are not going together. They are just solid, good friends, and the author counsels and looks after Lockhart's two teenaged sons when they're not in boarding school and when he's busy making films. But they are seen together a lot. . . . There is an older "superfox" of a songstress who is going with a young handsome singer who is just about the same age as her married daughter. . . . Insiders are wondering who the member of the Blue Notes is who singer **Sharon Paige** puts a special message to when she sings *I Hope That We Can Be Together Soon*. . . . Nearly 600 folks from across the nation showed up for the huge—and I mean huge—wedding and reception of **Alonzo Wilson** and **Annette Davis**, the sister of singer-actor-dancer **Clifton Davis**, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harlem. The wedding party included 13 bridesmaids and ushers, and three prominent Seventh-day Adventist ministers officiated.

—M. CORDELL THOMPSON

SOUL BROTHERS **TOP 20**

Title, Artist and Label

- ① **GET DOWN TONIGHT**.....K. C. & the Sunshine Band (TK)
- ② **HOPE THAT WE CAN BE TOGETHER SOON**.....Sharon Paige and
Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes (Philadelphia International)
- ③ **FIGHT THE POWER**.....Isley Brothers (T-Neck)
- ④ **DREAM MERCHANT**.....New Birth (Buddah)
- ⑤ **HOW LONG**.....Pointer Sisters (ABC)
- ⑥ **THAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD**.....Earth, Wind & Fire (Columbia)
- ⑦ **THIS WILL BE**.....Natalie Cole (Capitol)
- ⑧ **CHOCOLATE CHIP**.....Isaac Hayes (Hot Buttered Soul)
- ⑨ **FOREVER CAME TODAY**.....Jackson Five (Motown)
- ⑩ **GLASSHOUSE**.....Temptations (Gordy)
- ⑪ **DO IT ANYWAY YOU WANNA**.....People's Choice (TSOP)
- ⑫ **YOUR LOVE**.....Graham Central Station (Warner Bros.)
- ⑬ **LET ME MAKE LOVE TO YOU**.....O'Jays (Philadelphia International)
- ⑭ **YUM YUM**.....Fatback Band (Spring)
- ⑮ **MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A WOMAN**.....Jackie Moore (Kayvette)
- ⑯ **HUSTLE!! (DEAD ON IT)**.....James Brown (Polydor)
- ⑰ **DREAMING A DREAM**.....Crown Heights Affair (De-Lite)
- ⑱ **COME AN GET YOURSELF SOME**.....Leon Heywood (20th Century)
- ⑲ **GAMES PEOPLE PLAY**.....Spinners (Atlantic)
- ⑳ **LIVING FOR THE CITY**.....Ray Charles (CrossOver)



K. C. & the Sunshine Band



Sharon Paige

ATA Benefits From Event

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hurly, but solid, Don Pedro Colley, of *Sugar Hill* and *Nigger Charlie* fame, and nimble Gloria Hendry.

As the celebrity tournament wound down to a halt, some, like actress Ms. Hendry, were already looking toward matches next year.

"This is one of the most exciting events I've been involved in," beamed the richly brown-skinned film star. "It's good to see all these celebrities and all the people who are around them."

ATA President Dr. Freeman credited the American Airlines-JET tournament for helping to make 1975 "the pinnacle of all ATA tournaments." And sinuous Denise Nicholas, co-director of the tournament with George E.

Jackson, American Airlines, Inc. director of sales development, whose film company Masai Enterprises canned the day's action for future promotional use beamed: "I'm all for the idea of this benefit celebrity tournament. I think it's high time more Black kids become involved in tennis . . . especially more Black women."

The following celebrities, in alphabetical order, played in the Celebrity Tennis Matches:

Bill and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Don Pedro Colley, Bill Cosby, Ken Cunningham, Bill Elliott, Gail Fisher, Aretha Franklin, Gloria Hendry, Linda Johnson, Deacon Jones, Jim Kelly, Jayne Kennedy, Denise Nicholas, Richard Pryor, Oscar and Yvonne Robertson, Mrs. Reggie Smith, Carolyn Speed and Fred Williamson.

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TELEVISION

'J. J.', Thelma And Michael To Host Children's Special

The Evans children, **Jimmie (J. J.) Walker**, **Ralph (Michael) Carter** and **BernNadette (Thelma) Stanis**, of the *Good Times* comedy series (which premieres for its third season on Sept. 9) give a dazzling glimpse into all the new children's programs for the fall season on the "Dyn-o-mite" Saturday Preview Special (Thursday, Sept. 4, at 8 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV. Others scheduled to appear on television this week include:

Joe Morton, co-star on *Search For Tomorrow* (Friday, August 29, at 12:30 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Nipsey Russell, resident poet on *Rhyme and Reason* (Friday, August 29, at 2:30 p.m., EDT) on ABC-TV.

Redd Foxx and **Demond Wilson**, co-stars on *Sanford and Son* (Friday, August 29, at 8 p.m., EDT) on NBC-TV.

Raymond St. Jacques, in *Search For The Gods* (Friday, August 29, at 9 p.m., EDT) on ABC-TV.

O. J. Simpson Is Alive And Well And Getting Roasted Tonight (Friday, August 29, at 11:30 p.m., EDT) on ABC-TV.

Pearl Bailey, in *All the Fine Young Cannibals* (Friday, August 29, at 11:30 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Sherman Hemsley and **Isabel Sanford**, co-stars on *The Jeffersons* (Saturday, August 30, at 8:30 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Ralph Wilcox, guest on *Big Eddie* (Sunday, August 30, at 8:30 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Adam Wade, host on *Musical Chairs* (Monday, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

Esther Rolle and **John Amos**, on *Good Times* (Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.

John Amos, guest on *Tony Orlando and Dawn* (Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8 p.m., EDT) on CBS-TV.



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